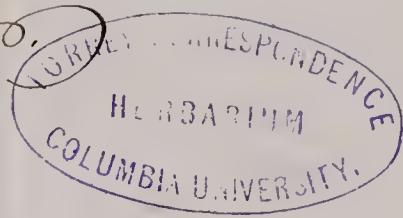


Recd. Apr. 26th 1837

Jaffna, 19th 1830.



My Dear Sir

I have not forgotten your request for insects, &c - I have once or twice engaged some one or two of the natives to procure them for me, but none have ever come. Whether it results from a better theology on this point, I am not able to say, true it is however, that there is nothing to hurt or destroy in all their holy mountains. No money that I have offered hitherto, has over come their reluctance to take away life. What else could I expect after having practical demonstration that even the life of one of the most venomous serpents is so venerated that when exposed they will choose the Cobra and drag him away to the wilderness & let him escape! - I may however after a longer acquaintance be enabled to accomplish something. I have not such sanguine hopes as I had

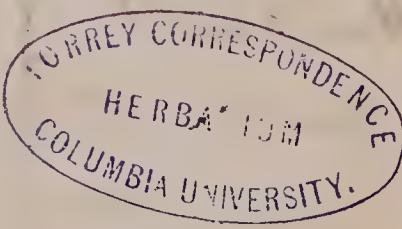
When I left America, for the older islands
Scorane, her either from pressure of other
engagements, or from sympathy with the
natives, or perhaps from both, an no ento-
mologists - Even Hutchings, if not Dempu-
louk is a little reluctant. Now if you
can give me for the natives a satisfac-
tory reason, perhaps by the time I have
been on the Coast five years, I may
Send you some Specimens

The Mohammedan & an bird catch-
ers & the Coast men of the lowest
cast sometimes bring us shells - I think
& may get of these. As for Mineralogic-
al & other Specimens, the peninsula is
very much made up of Grn & Sand
and in its fruitless, unproductive wastes much
resembles the more barren parts of the coun-
try on the Phil & Trenton Rail & Route.
The regions of the plains 20 or 30 miles from
the foot of the mountains, & some of the in-
terior valleys is very fertile. The soil

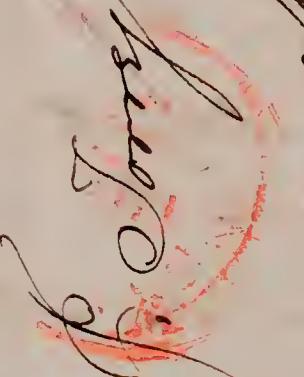
is generally siliceous & colored very much with
manganese oxide. Some quartz specimens, but none
that I have yet seen equal in beauty those of
Rensselaer Co. & Herkimer Co. N.Y., or the
varieties of the Green Mts. Vt. - From their
locality I presume they will be interesting
& I shall endeavor to forward if I hear from
you. The geological structure of Jaffee
you may perhaps learn from a stone
or two which I have sent to the
Missionary soons. - I have seen Adams
bridge, & if I were to hazard ^{UNREY COPE} ~~the~~ ^{UNIVERSITY} ^{HERBARIUM} ~~the~~ opinion of a novice
I should say it, altogether of volcanic origin. It
is not basaltic like the Palisades, but of immense
lamellar mussels, shells, pebbles &c mixed
- The coast for miles is of the same char-
acter - The furious winds, as they sweep over
the extended sand plains, pile up vast
hills of sand, and impede cultivation
very much - in many places for miles the sand is
10 or 12 inches deep & in others for furlongs. It is 40 or 50
feet deep, - still then is room & resource for twice or
three the amount of population which now covers

this end of the Earth. Any suggestions or aid which
you can render us to fill this "end of the earth
with the Light of Science, & the Glory of the
Lord, will be most thankfully rec'd by your
friend & fellow laborer in the best of all
causes -

J. Lawrence

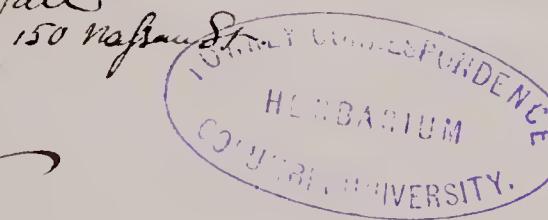


J. Torrey M.C. Steele
New York



P.S. A good of the Seminary. has just brought a few Specimens
of leaves which I forward. - Also vial of scarlet bugs ^{afternoons} very abundant

Rec. Augt. 11th. - 1839
Sent to my care
During my absence by Mr. Charles Hall



My Dear Sir

Excuse this very indifferent
and small collection, the work of an hour
& two - It was rather an experiment. & I
find it practicable, you may except some
thing more extensive, & I hope better preserved.
I showed these to Mrs. Hall, & at her recom-
mendation, send them to you, tho' I beg you
will not judge of my worth by the collection.
A few days ago I sent up a few Specimens of
Crystals of Lime, which are now in Ma-
rines & will probably reach you at the
same time, with this - There is a fine Speci-
men of a collection of Crystals formerly in
the possession of Dr. Hall in the iron house
Send to Mr. Hall, which we will send you
The general character of the Country here is
primitive, & chiefly granite, - earth
often highly colored for a whole country
with iron, besides as I find there are many new
minerals -

The mountain in our neighborhood gives a very interesting field for botanical research but I have never found leisure to gratify my curiosity by rambling amongst its woods as I spent hole to - The Ghauts are numerous - The celebrated Gilghamies also and if an enterprising American chattered it could come & spend a year or two here I should hope for more good than from all the much talked of projects of the Romish priests & & scientific men about to settle here. Besides there might be a direct moral effect - RECORDED IN THE HERBARIUM we natives have much confidence in RECORDED IN THE HERBARIUM - Due to action of the Medicinal qualities of plants we are said to get a wonderful ascendancy over the native mind. & if a good man do lasting good - so indeed may any good physician be very much needed such a person in Dindigul, & if you will recommend such a man to the Board of Commissioners, you would do not only the nation but the Missionaries a service, now 40 miles removed

from a Medical Advisor a malady
in will soon a life threatening
misfortune, with blessing from "Litter, love"
a dear & beloved brother in the west, all
caused - So that I need only to sub-
scribe myself
Yours with kindest
Christian regards

Dindigul, 25th June 1834 *J. F. Lawrence*

(Missionary in India)

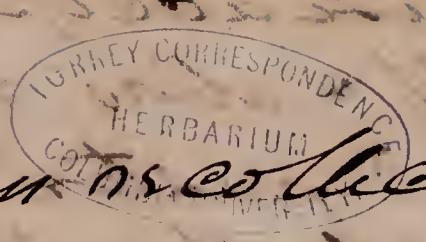


John O' Donnell
of New York



My Dear Dr. Torrey ~~It is doubtless to collect~~
Meeting Me in the Missionary room'd N.Y.
in May 1835. & Sunday took a book by me
to Hatt Chap. & asking me to send You plants
etc. I have never forgotten Your cheerful
face & voice, nor yet your request. & am
now truly glad to get the bands, (my much
lored Companions in the good work, & I may
say in tribulation too) to take ~~charge~~ of a
Collection of the plants of S. India
made by Mr. Elliot Eny. of the Madras
Civil Service, & presented to me some
months since - Should You find them
worth acknowledgement, I shall be glad
to have You send a word of the kind to
Mr. Elliot - I sign't. much & I have
had no time to attack what few names
I could make out, but as you will receive
them as a collection, thus an arranged
herbarium, & as ~~you~~ doubtless will know
most of the plants. Its value will not be
so much lessened with you.

I hope tied up a small collec-
tion of mission, in newspapers, & enclose
it with the others, which I will thank
you to send my Nephew Chas. Hale
care of Rev C. H. of A. H. M. S. - also 2
or 3 of the sticks marked with their names



Please accept one of the sticks for yourself, & allow my well recommended & much beloved pastor T. H. White - also Br. Lee & others to select after you have taken yours. It is only a stick - but it may serve to worship upon, to those who like yourselves are blessed with faithful labor here, & like him may need even such support. - Give the others to whom you please. I think only Br. Hale has one, if not I shd like him to get one of these.

It much delight me part with the sticks, these & loving friends and faithful servants of the Best of Masters. Receive them in all love and may your Communion be as sweet as ours has been.

With this I; & my own afft the regards to you & yours

I beg to remain
Your very truly Your

Obd. J. L. Loring



21st Nov. '65

(Missionary in China)

J. L. Loring